Small Business

Quick Reference Guide

Arts & Crafts

Helping artists and craftspeople sell what they make.

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Regulatory/Legal

Entrepreneurs in any industry face a core set of regulations for business start-up. The Alaska Department of Community & Economic Development publishes *Starting a Small Business* which outlines state and federal requirements and introduces the reader to the basics of starting a business. Complimentary copies are available by request at (907) 269-4527 or can be viewed online at http://www.dced.state.ak.us/dca/smallbus/home.htm. Both editions include a list of other business resources offered in the state of Alaska.

Business License

Every business is required to have an Alaska **business license**. State of Alaska business licenses are available from the Division of Occupational Licensing, and may be purchased online.

Also, be sure to contact your local government for additional requirements

A state **trademark** can be obtained for a name, logo, or design that identifies your product. A service mark can be registered to identify a service. A mark cannot be registered if it is in any way deceptive or misleading. The trademark or service mark registration is valid for five years, and then can be renewed. For more information, or for an application, contact the Division of Banking, Securities, and Corporations.

Federal trademark protection is also available, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Division of Occupational
Licensing
Department of Community and
Economic Development
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1500
Anchorage, AK 99501
Telephone (907) 269-8160
Fax (907) 269-8156
http://www.dced.state.ak.us/occ/

Corporations Section
Division of Banking, Securities, and Corporations
Department of Community and Economic Development
P.O. Box 110808
Juneau, AK 99811
Telephone (907) 465-2530
Fax (907) 465-3257
http://www.dced.state.ak.us/bsc/tmark.htm

General Information Services
Division
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Crystal Plaza 3, Room 2C02
P.O. Box 1450
Washington, D.C. 22313-1450
Telephone 1-800-786-9199
http://www.uspto.gov

A **copyright** is a federal protection against the unauthorized use of one's artwork, music, photography, written works, and other intellectual property. To be eligible for copyright protection, the work must be written or recorded in some way, and it must contain original work.

Copyright is secured automatically when the work becomes "fixed," that is, written or recorded. Copyright notice provides additional protection, in the event the owner must defend the copyright. Copyright notice includes three elements:

- ✓ The symbol © or the word "copyright"
- ✓ The year in which the work was first published
- ✓ The name of the owner of the copyright.

For example, "Copyright 2001 by John Doe"

Copyrights can also be registered with the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 prohibits misrepresentation in marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States. "Indian" includes Alaska Natives, and the Act applies to the marketing of arts and crafts by anyone in the United States. For more information, contact Indian Arts and Crafts Board.

The **Silver Hand** program provides identification of Alaska Native arts and crafts. The Silver Hand logo guarantees that an item has been handcrafted in Alaska, by an Alaska Native, and is made using natural materials. For more information, contact the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

Library of Congress Copyright Office 101 Independence Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20559-6000 Telephone (202) 707-3000 (Public Information Office) http://www.copyright.gov

Indian Arts and Crafts Board U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4004-MIB Washington, D.C. 20240 Telephone 202-208-3773 http://www.iacb.doi.gov

Alaska State Council on the Arts
411 West 4th Avenue, Suite 1E
Anchorage, AK 99501
Telephone 907-269-6610 or
toll-free 1-888-278-7424
Fax 907-269-6601
http://www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca

Businesses that are producing food products for sale will need a **Food Establishment Permit** from the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. For more information or to obtain a permit, contact the Food Safety & Sanitation Program at DEC.

The program has field offices in Anchorage, Dutch Harbor, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Nome, Palmer, Sitka, Soldotna, and Valdez.

The Labeling of Hazardous Art Materials Act, signed into law in 1988, requires that all art materials be reviewed to determine the potential for causing a chronic hazard, and that warning labels be put on art materials found to pose a chronic hazard. Look for materials labeled "Conforms to ASTM D-4236" as an indication that the materials are not hazardous. For more information, contact the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The website includes a link for "Recalls and Product Safety News." Go to "Product Type," then "Arts & Crafts" for a list of recalled products and supplies.

For more information on safety issues, including a database of hazards by art medium and a database of studio safety procedures, go to "Health & Safety in the Arts" at http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/arthazards/

Food Safety & Sanitation Program
Division of Environmental Health
Department of Environmental
Conservation (DEC)
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK 99501
Telephone (907) 269-7583
Fax (907) 269-7510
http://www.state.ak.us/dec/eh/fss/index.htm

U.S. Consumer Product Safety
Commission
Recalls and Compliance Division
Office of Compliance
Washington, D.C. 20207
Telephone (301) 504-7913
http://www.cpsc.gov

http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/arthazards/



Certain **natural materials**, such as ivory and feathers, may be prohibited for use by federal laws such as the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. For more information contact the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service.



The publication "A Customs Guide to Alaska Native Arts," available from the Department of Community and Economic Development, summaries guidelines for purchases of Alaska Native Arts by visitors from 16 countries.

Insurance

Insurance protection is a necessity in any business venture. The Alaska Division of Insurance has information about the insurance industry, and about the state's statutes and regulations governing the industry.



The Insurance Information Institute is a source of information about insurance topics. Their web site has a section on business insurance. Free brochures, including "Insuring Your Home Business" and "Insuring Your Business Against a Catastrophe," are available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address shown below. They also offer the publication "Insuring Your Business" for \$10.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Regional Office 1011 East Tudor Road Anchorage, AK 99503 Telephone (907) 786-3309 Fax (907) 786-3495 http://Alaska.fws.gov

National Marine Fisheries Service Protected Resources Division 222 West 7th Avenue #43 Anchorage, AK 99513 Telephone (907) 271-5006 http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ prot_res/laws/MMPA/ MMPA.html

A Customs Guide to Alaska Native Arts:

http://www.dced.state.ak.us/dca/nag/nativearts.htm

Division of Insurance
Department of Community and
Economic Development
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1560
Anchorage, AK 99501
Telephone (907) 269-7900
Fax (907) 269-7910
http://www.dced.state.ak.us/insurance/

Insurance Information Institute 110 William Street New York, NY 10038 Telephone (212) 346-5500 http://www.iii.org

How-To/Educational

Publications

Alaska Native Arts Marketing: A Handbook for Expanding Audiences and Markets for Your Art by Claudia Bach

Topics include issues in marketing your art, preparing an artist's statement and other marketing materials, sales arrangements, and pricing.

<u>How to Start a Home-Based Craft Business</u> by Kenn Oberrecht

Topics include financial planning and management, legal aspects, taxes and recordkeeping, and marketing. Includes a bibliography and source directory.

Crafting as a Business by Wendy Rosen

Topics include business basics, your image, product development, pricing, retail craft fairs, and gallery relationships. Includes brief descriptions of many successful craftspeople and retail operations.

<u>Creating a Successful Craft Business</u> by Rogene Robbins & Robert Robbins

A textbook on running a crafts business with homework assignments.

Your Crafts Business: A Legal Guide by Attorney Richard Stim

Topics include selling on consignment, employees and independent contractors, copyrights, and licensing.

The Artist's Complete Health and Safety Guide by Monona Rossol

Topics include identifying hazardous materials, and safety precautions by media such as ceramics and welding.



Alaska Native Arts Marketing available from:

Alaska State Council on the Arts 411 West 4th Avenue, Suite 1E Anchorage, AK 99501 Telephone toll-free 1-888-278-7424

How to Start a Home-Based Craft Business

Publisher: Globe Pequot Press ISBN 0-7627-0639-2

Crafting as a Business

Publisher: The Rosen Group ISBN 0-8069-8553-4

Creating a Successful Craft Business

Publisher: Allworth Press ISBN 1581152779

Your Crafts Business: A Legal Guide

Publisher: Nolo ISBN 0-87337-838-5

The Artist's Complete Health and Safety Guide

Publisher: Allworth Press ISBN 1880559188

Health Hazards Manual for Artists by Michael McCann Topics include effects of art materials on the body, hazards of various media, and safety in the studio including ventilation and personal protective equipment.

The Crafts Report

A monthly magazine devoted to the business of fine crafts, with articles on such topics as selling techniques for crafts shows, preparing for juried shows, profiles of artists working in various media, and listings of shows and competitions. Available in Anchorage at Barnes & Noble and Borders Books & Music.

Web sites

Resources for Small Food Processors and Potential Entrepreneurs is a site provided by the Department of Food Science at Penn State University, with links to online articles on such topics as "Considerations Before Starting a Small Food-Processing Business," guidelines for labeling of food products, and resources for equipment and packaging.

Basketry Information is a collection of links to sites for basketry classes and exhibits, a list of books and videos on basketry, and other information.

The **National Bead Society** website is devoted to information on beads, including academic studies, and has a discussion forum.

The International Society of Glass Beadmakers site lists classes and shows, and has links to organizations, suppliers, and artists websites.

American Ceramic Society's website provides news, resources, and publications on ceramics, as well as membership information.

Health Hazards Manual for Artists
Publisher: The Lyons Press
ISBN 1558213066

The Crafts Report P.O. Box 1992 Wilmington, DE 19899 Telephone 1-800-777-7098 Fax (302) 656-4894 http://www.craftsreport.com



http://foodsafety.psu.edu/ processor/resources.htm

http://www.beebes.net/basket/index.html

http://nationalbeadsociety.com

http://www.isgb.org

http://www.acers.org

The **Society of Decorative Painters** website has a "Skillbuilder" feature, an online discussion forum, and a certification program.

http://www.decorativepainters.org

The National Institute of American Doll Artists website provides doll-making tips under "The Art of the Doll," and offers books and videos for sale.

http://www.niada.org

The **Original Paper Doll Artists Guild** website has articles on drawing and publishing paper dolls, and offers back issues of their magazine for sale.

http://www.opdag.com

Handweavers Guild of America offers learning tips on their website, issues Certificates of Excellence, administers a Learning Exchange, offers a rental library of textile kits and videos, and has publications for sale. http://weavespindye.org

The Furniture Society's site offers industry news, links to furniture-related sites, and publications.

http://furnituresociety.org

The Enamelist Society website has an online newsletter, links to related sites, a list of publications, and a rental library of slides. http://www.enamelistsociety.org

Society of American Silversmiths has an archive of newsletters, and a variety of technical tips, on its website. The site also has a list of silversmithing books and related links.

http://www.silversmithing.com

The website of **The Guild of Book Workers**, the national organization for all the book arts, has reference articles, an archive of newsletters, and related links.

http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/ byorg/gbw/index.shtml

Hand Papermaking's website offers beginners' articles from their newsletter. Subscriptions available to their magazine and newsletter.

http:// www.handpapermaking.org

Precious Metal Clay Guild's website offers a Resources section with answers to frequently asked questions, a bulletin board, and a bibliography of magazine articles.

http://www.pmcguild.com

The **American Needlepoint Guild** website offers "Needlepoint Resources" including "Stitch of the Month" and archives of *Needle Pointer* magazine.

Correspondence courses are available for members.

The **Valley Fiber Arts Guild** website provides "Textile terminology," "Tips and Tricks," and "Yarn Facts" as well as a "Resources" link for materials and supplies.

http://needlepoint.org

http://home.gci.net/~vfa-guild/

Training

The Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) provides information on fellowships, calls for art, and other opportunities for artists. ASCA also provides grants to individuals, including Career Opportunity Grants for professional artists to travel to events that will contribute to their professional development, and Master Artist and Apprentice Grants for study with a recognized master artist in a traditional Native art form. Information is available on their website and in their quarterly newsletter.

Alaska State Council on the Arts 411 West 4th Avenue, Suite 1E Anchorage, AK 99501 Telephone (907) 269-6610 or toll-free 1-888-278-7424 Fax (907) 269-6601 http://www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca/

Assistance is available from Alaska Manufacturers' Association (AKMA). AKMA offers training opportunities, individual assistance, and publications for improving manufacturing operations of all sizes.

Alaska Manufacturers' Association 3201 C Street, Suite 406 Anchorage, AK 99503 Telephone (907) 565-5655 Fax (907) 565-5646 http://www.alaskamfg.net



Market Data

Made in Alaska is a program to promote and increase the sale of products made in Alaska. Made in Alaska permit holders include carvings, body care products, fine art, and food products. The program's website includes a database of permit holders, and an annual catalog is printed listing products and permit holders. Annual permit fee is \$25. The program provides a quarterly newsletter for permit holders.

The Crafts Report, a monthly magazine, provides an industry profile and survey in each issue. The website includes industry statistics and related articles.

Made in Alaska Program Manager 741 East 13th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501 Telephone (907) 272-5634 Fax (907) 272-5635 http://www.madeinalaska.org/mia/

The Crafts Report
P.O. Box 1992
Wilmington, DE 19899
Telephone 1-800-777-7098
Fax (302) 656-4894
http://www.craftsreport.com



Industry Organizations

State

Alaska Watercolor Society

Formed in 1974 as a not-for-profit organization to help promote the knowledge and understnading of professional watercolor painting in Alaska.

Membership benefits include meetings held the second Wednesday of the month, newsletter, participation in annual exhibitions, as well as a juried competition. Annual dues are \$25 for full members, \$20 for associate members, and \$5 for students.

Anchorage Weavers & Spinners Guild

The Guild offers education and support to weavers, spinners, and other fiber artists in the Anchorage area. Guild members also provide public education by providing demonstrations at many events throughout the year including the State Fair, Fur Rendezvous, and the Botanic Garden Fair.

Membership benefits include monthly meetings (except summer) with educational programs, several weekend-length workshops during the year, ongoing study groups in weaving, spinning, and knitting, monthly newsletter, access to rental equipment and books from the Guild library, and first opportunity to take workshops. Annual dues are \$20.

Fairbanks Potters Guild

The Fairbanks Potters Guild promotes the craft and art of ceramics in the Fairbanks area.

Membership benefits include meetings held the first week of the month, usually on Tuesday. Annual dues are \$25, \$15 for students.

Alaska Watercolor Society
P.O. Box 90714
Anchorage, AK 99509
Telephone 907-345-5857
E-mail michele@suchland.com
http://www.geocities.com/
akws2001/index.html



Anchorage Weavers & Spinners Guild P.O. Box 244055 Anchorage, AK 99524 E-mail anchorageweavers@yahoo.com http:// www.northwestweavers.org/ guilds/ak/anchorage.html

Fairbanks Potters Guild P.O. Box 81950 Fairbanks, AK 99708 Telephone 907-457-8345 E-mail sro@alaska.gci.net http://www.fairbankspotters.org

Fairbanks Watercolor Society

The Society is dedicated to furthering the education of, and supporting, individual artists.

Membership benefits include meetings held the third Wednesday of the month, a monthly painting session, and a monthly newsletter. Annual dues are \$15.

Fairbanks Watercolor Society P.O. Box 82536 Fairbanks, AK 99708 Telephone 907-488-6631 E-mail tammykphillips@yahoo.com http://www.geocities.com/ fwsociety/

Forget-Me-Knot Quilters' Guild

A non-profit organization dedicated to a mutual interest in quilting.

Membership benefits include a monthly newsletter, meetings on the Monday after the second Saturday of the month, and a variety of programs between September and May. Annual dues are \$25, or \$15 for the newsletter only.

Forget-Me-Knot Quilters' Guild P.O. Box 1345 Delta Junction, AK 99737

Juneau Bead Society

Membership benefits include meetings on the first and third Saturdays of each month to bead and share information and resources, and goup purchase discounts for beading books and supplies. There are no annual dures.

Juneau Bead Society 201 Seward Street Juneau, AK 99801 Telephone 907-586-3223 E-mail beadgal@ptialaska.net

Kodiak Bear Paw Quilters

The organization was formed in 1992. Membership benefits include meetings held the second Sunday of the month, monthly newsletter, block of the month program, and participation in the annual show. Annual dues are \$20.

Kodiak Bear Paw Quilters
P.O. Box 1213
Kodiak, AK 99615
Telephone 907-486-4738
http://www.bearpawquilters.org



Mat-Su Valley Bead Society

An organization for people who love beads, formed in 1998.

Membership benefits include meetings on the first Thursday of the month September – May, monthly newsletter, and classes. Annual dues are \$25, payable in September.

North Star Needlework Guild, Inc.

An organization dedicated to the support of the embroidery arts, including teaching classes and supporting the Needlework Division of the Tanana Valley Fair. Annual dues are \$15.

Northwind Quilters Guild

Membership benefits include meetings held the fourth Tuesday of the month, annual quilters' tea and auction, and annual quilters' retreat. Annual dues are \$15.

Rainy Day Quilt Guild

A non-profit organization started in 1987. Membership benefits include meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month, community service, classes, and retreats. Annual dues are \$25.

Ravenstail Weavers' Guild

Founded in Ketchikan to create a network of Ravenstail fanatics.

Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, and access to the Warp Bank and Guild resources. Annual dues are \$20, or \$50 for three years.

Mat-Su Valley Bead Society
P.O. Box 870062
Wasilla, AK 99687
Telephone 907-357-7192
E-mail jeanette@mtaonline.net
http://
msvbeadsociety.homestead.com

North Star Needlework Guild, Inc. P.O. Box 80925
Fairbanks, AK 99708
Telephone 907-452-2274
E-mail morgana@gci.net

Northwind Quilters Guild P.O. Box 1125 Cordova, AK 99574 Telephone 907-424-3656 E-mail forget@gci.net

Rainy Day Quilt Guild P.O. Box 5131 Ketchikan, AK 99901 Telephone 907-225-5408 E-mail info@rainydayquilters.org http://www.rainydayquilters.org

Ravenstail Weavers' Guild 2990 Douglas Hwy Juneau, AK 99801 Telephone 1-800-478-WEAV or 907-586-2491 E-mail kingfarm@ptialaska.net http://www.ravenstail.com/ RavenstailChilkat/ ravenstail guild.htm

Valley Fiber Arts Guild

A nonprofit organization created in 1984, the Guild supports the Fiber Arts department at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer.

Membership benefits include meetings on the first Saturday on the month September – May, reduced fees for workshops, equipment rental privileges, and study groups. Annual dues are \$20 Adult, \$10 Junior.

Valley Quilter's Guild

The Guild does service work for the community and has many educational programs for members and non-members.

Membership benefits include meetings on the first Thursday of the month. Annual dues are \$10.

National

American Association of Woodturners

AAW's mission is to provide education, information, and organization to those interested in turning wood. Membership benefits include a quarterly magazine *American Woodturner*, an annual resource directory, an annual trade show and symposium, and educational opportunity grants. Individual membership is \$35 per year.

American Craft Council

Founded in 1943 to promote the understanding and appreciation of contemporary American crafts.

Membership benefits include a bimonthly magazine *American Craft*, free admission to ACC Craft Shows, and access to the organization's library. Membership is \$40 per year.

Valley Fiber Arts Guild P.O. Box 876142 Wasilla, AK 99687 E-mail wovenfibers@alaska.com http://home.gci.net/~vfa-guild/



Valley Quilter's Guild P.O. Box 2582 Palmer, AK 99645 Telephone 907-376-5333

American Association of Woodturners 3499 Lexington Avenue N, Suite 103 Shoreview, MN 55126 Telephone (651) 484-9094 Fax (651) 484-1724 http://www.woodturner.org

American Craft Council
72 Spring Street
New York, NY 10012
Telephone (212) 274-0630
Fax (212) 274-0650
http://www.craftcouncil.org

American Needlepoint Guild, Inc.

Formed in 1972 for educational and cultural development through participation in the art of needlework.

Membership benefits include training opportunities including correspondence courses and on-line workshops, a bi-monthly magazine *Needle Pointers*, and a national seminar and exhibit. Membership is \$29 per year.

American Needlepoint Guild, Inc. P.O. Box 1027 Cordova, TN 38088 Telephone (901) 755-3728 Fax (901) 755-3803 http://www.needlepoint.org

American Quilter's Society

Founded in 1984 to promote the study and development of quilts.

Membership benefits include *American Quilter* magazine, discount on books and supplies, and a bimonthly newsletter. Membership is \$19.95 per year.

American Quilter's Society P.O. Box 3290 Paducah, KY 43002 Telephone (270) 898-7903 Fax (270) 898-1173 http://www.aqsquilt.com

American Tapestry Alliance

A nonprofit corporation created in 1982 to share and preserve the knowledge and practice of tapestry art. Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, and opportunities for exhibition and education.

American Tapestry Alliance 154 Pine Hill Road Wakefield, RI 02879 http:// www.americantapestryalliance.org

Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass

A not-for-profit organization dedicated to art made from glass whose members include artists and collectors.

Membership benefits include a newsletter *Glass Focus*, and opportunities for networking, exhibition, and education. Membership is \$65 per year.

Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass P.O. Box 7022 Evanston, IL 60201 Telephone/fax (847) 869-2018 http://www.contempglass.org

Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America

Formed in 1973 to perpetuate the noble art of blacksmithing.

Membership benefits include two quarterly publications *The Anvil's Ring* and *Hammer's Blow*, an index of suppliers, and a biannual conference. Regular membership is \$45.00 per year.

ABANA
P.O. Box 816
Farmington, GA 30638
Telephone (706) 310-1030
http://www.abana.org

Arts and Crafts Association of America

Established as a nonprofit organization in 2000 dedicated to furthering the interests of the arts and crafts industry.

Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, listing in a national registry, networking opportunities, and an exhibitor's discount on ACAA art shows. Individual membership is \$45 per year.

Glass Art Society

A professional organization whose purpose is to encourage excellence, to advance education, to promote the appreciation and development of the glass arts, and to support the worldwide community of artists who work with glass.

Membership benefits include a bimonthly newsletter, opportunity to attend the annual conference, the annual journal and resource guide. Individual membership is \$45 per year.

Guild of Book Workers

Founded in 1906 to establish and maintain a feeling of kinship and mutual interest among workers in the hand book crafts.

Membership benefits include a bimonthly newsletter, a twice-yearly journal, and a membership directory. Addresses all aspects of book making. Membership is \$60 per year.

Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.

Formed in 1969, dedicated to encouraging excellence, inspiring creativity, and preserving fiber traditions through education.

Membership benefits include a quarterly magazine *Shuttle Spindle & Dyepot*, a biannual conference, the opportunity to participate in a variety of skill development programs, and discounts on purchases. Membership is \$35 per year.

Arts and Crafts Association of America 4888 Cannon Woods Ct. Belmont, MI 49306 Telephone (616) 874-1721 Fax (616) 874-1771 http:// www.artsandcraftsassoc.com

Glass Art Society 1305 Fourth Avenue, Suite 711 Seattle, WA 98101 Telephone (206) 382-1305 Fax (206) 382-2630 http://www.glassart.org

Guild of Book Workers 521 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10175-0038 http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/ byorg/gbw/index.shtml

Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. 1255 Buford Hwy, Suite 211 Suwanee, GA 30024 Telephone (678) 730-0010 http://weavespindye.org

International Old Lacers, Inc.

A volunteer association of people interested in making lace, and studying antique lace. Membership benefits include a quarterly publication *I.O.L.I. Bulletin*, use of a mail-based lending library, and an annual convention. Membership is \$30 per year.

International Old Lacers, Inc. 868 Castle Falls Drive NE Atlanta, GA 30329-4114 http://internationaloldlacers.org

International Quilt Association

Dedicated to the preservation of the art of quilting, the attainment of public recognition for quilting as an art form, and the advancement of the state of the art.

Membership benefits include a quarterly journal *Quilts* . . . *A World of Beauty*, the opportunity to enter items in the annual judged show, and to apply for grants. Membership is \$22 per year.

International Quilt Association 7660 Woodway Drive, Suite 550 Houston, TX 77063 Telephone (713) 781-6882 Fax (713) 781-8182 http://www.quilts.org

International Society of Glass Beadmakers

A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting the art of making hand-crafted glass beads.

Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, opportunity to advertise on the ISGB website, listing in membership directory, and participation in regional chapters. Business membership is \$50 per year.

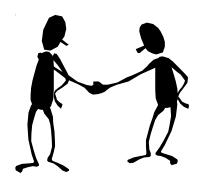
International Society of Glass Beadmakers 1120 Chester Avenue, #470 Cleveland, OH 44114 Telephone 1-888-742-0242 http://www.isgb.org

Knifemakers' Guild

Started in 1970 to promote custom knives and knifemakers, to assist the knifemaker technically, and to encourage ethical and professional business conduct.

Membership begins at the probationary level, and requires demonstration of skill in knifemaking. The Guild holds an annual show for members to display their work, and to conduct Guild business.

Knifemakers' Guild P.O. Box 265 Manti, UT 84642-0265 http://www.kmg.org



National Ornamental and Miscellaneous Metals Association (NOMMA)

Serves it members and advances the industry through education and the promotion of a positive business environment.

Membership benefits include three bimonthly publications *Fabricator's Journal*, *TechNotes*, and *The Business Owner*, technical support, a variety of information resources, and an annual convention and trade show. Fabricator membership is \$305 per year.

NOMMA 532 Forest Parkway, Suite A Forest Park, GA 30297 Telephone (404) 363-4009 Fax (404) 366-1852 http://www.nomma.org

National Polymer Clay Guild

Organized to educate the public about polymer clay, and to study and promote an interest inn the use of polymer clay as an artistic medium.

Membership benefits include a newsletter and professional development opportunities. Membership is \$30 per year.

National Polymer Clay Guild 1350 Beverly Road, Suite 115-345 McLean, VA 22101 http://www.npcg.org

National Quilting Association

The Association was founded in 1970 to "create, stimulate, maintain, and record an interest in all matters pertaining to the making, collecting, and preserving of quilts." Membership benefits include a quarterly magazine, educational programs, and consumer advocacy services. Membership is \$20 per year.

National Quilting Association, Inc. P.O. Box 393
Ellicott City, MD 21041
Telephone (410) 461-5733
Fax (410) 461-3693
http://www.nqaquilts.org

National Wood Carvers Association

Started in 1953 to promote woodcarving fellowship among its membership of woodcarvers and whittlers.

Membership benefits include a bimonthly magazine *Chip Chats* and web site links. Membership is \$14 per year.

National Wood Carvers Association P.O. Box 43218 Cincinnati, OH 45243 http://www.chipchats.org

Potters Council of the American Ceramic Society

Founded in 2001 to serve the needs of potters, ceramic artists, and other interested individuals.

Membership benefits include a 20% discount on publications from the American Ceramic Society, listing in an online studio directory, quarterly newsletter, member discounts and group insurance programs. Membership is \$35 per year.

Potters Council 735 Ceramic Place Westerville, OH 43081-8720 Telephone (614) 794-5890 http://www.potterscouncil.org

Precious Metal Clay Guild

Founded in 1999 as a membership support organization to encourage cooperation, growth, and education.

Membership benefits include a quarterly publication *Studio PMC*, and listing in a membership directory. Membership is \$25 per year.

Precious Metal Clay Guild 417 W. Mountain Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80521 Telephone (970) 419-5503 Fax (970) 419-5504 http://www.pmcguild.com

Professional Knifemakers Association

Founded in 1993 to elevate awareness of the art and science of handcrafted knives, provide educational opportunities for those interested in making custom knives, and to promote the interests of its membership.

Membership categories include knifemakers, and associate members which may include handlecarvers and engravers. The Association has an annual show which includes courses on knifemaking skills and business topics.

Professional Knifemakers
Association, Inc.
2605 N. Montana Avenue, Suite
30027
Helena, MT 59601
http://
www.proknifemakers.com

Scrollsaw Association of the World

SAW is dedicated to the advancement of scrollsawing, and provides education, information, and organization to those interested in the use of the scroll saw in woodworking.

Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, an annual resource directory, and a conference every two years. Individual membership is \$20 per year.

Scrollsaw Association of the World 610 Daisy Lane Round Lake Beach, IL 60073 Telephone/Fax (847) 546-1352 http://www.saw-online.com

Silk Painters International

Formed in the early 1990's to establish silk painting as a recognized art form by encouraging and promoting the collecting, displaying, and production of silk art. Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, a biannual conference, and member competitions. Membership is \$30 per year.

Silk Painters International P.O. Box 887 Riverdale, MD 20738 Telephone (301) 474-7347 Fax (301) 441-2395 http://www.silkpainters.org

Society of American Mosaic Artists

Incorporated in 1999 and dedicated to the promotion of mosaic art, and the advancement of mosaic artists through research, education, and networking.

Membership benefits include the quarterly newsletter *Groutline*, opportunities for networking and exhibition, and an annual conference. General membership is \$35 per year.

Society of American Mosaic Artists P.O. Box 428 Orangeburg, SC 29116 http://www.americanmosaics.org

Society of American Silversmiths

Founded in 1989 as the nation's only professional organization solely devoted to the preservation and promotion of contemporary silversmithing.

Membership benefits include supplier discounts, a news exchange, and insurance programs. Supporting membership is \$40 per year. Artisan membership is juried.

Society of American Silversmiths P.O. Box 72839 Providence, RI 02907 Telephone (401) 461-6840 Fax (401) 461-6841 http://www.silversmithing.com

Society of North American Goldsmiths

Founded in 1969 to provide a meeting-place for contemporary jewelers and metalsmiths, to encourage the free exchange of information, and to recognize outstanding creative achievement.

Membership benefits include *Metalsmith* magazine, the SNAG newsletter, discounted conference fee, and member services

Society of North American Goldsmiths 4513 Lincoln Avenue #213 Lisle, IL 60532 Telephone (630) 852-6385 Fax (630) 241-0142 http://www.snagmetalsmith.org

Stained Glass Association of America

Founded in 1903 as a nonprofit trade association dedicated to the advancement of the stained and leaded glass field.

Membership benefits include a subscription to the magazine *The Stained Glass Quarterly*, which has been published continuously since 1906, the newsletter *Kaleidoscope*, the *Business Broadsheet*, discounts on SGAA products and services, a listing in the Sourcebook, and the opportunity to attend the annual meeting. Affiliate membership is \$100 per year.

Stained Glass Association of America 10009 East 62nd Street Raytown, MO 64133 Telephone (800) 888-7422 Fax (816) 737-2801 www.stainedglass.org

Stencil Artisans League, Inc.

Incorporated in 1984, dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the art of stenciling and related decorative painting.

Membership benefits include a quarterly magazine *The Artistic Stenciler* and reduced rates for the annual convention and classes. Individual membership is \$40 per year.

Stencil Artisans League, Inc. P.O. Box 3109 Los Lunas, NM 87031 Telephone/Fax (505) 865-9119 http://www.sali.org

Studio Art Quilt Associates

Funded in 1989 to serve artists working in the art quilt medium, which includes establishing the place of art quilts among fine art.

Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, notification of exhibitions and educational opportunities, eligibility for juried exhibitions, and web site resources. Membership is \$40 per year.

Studio Art Quilt Associates P.O. Box 2231 Little Rock, AR 72203 Telephone (501) 490-4043 Fax (501) 490-4036 http://www.saqa.com

Surface Design Association

Started in 1977 to increase awareness, understanding, and appreciation of textile in the art and design communities.

Membership benefits include the magazine *Surface Design Journal*, a quarterly newsletter, and opportunities to participate in conferences and exhibitions. Membership is \$50 per year.

Surface Design Association P.O. Box 360 Sebastopol, CA 95473-0360 Telephone (707) 829-3110 Fax (707) 829-3285 http://www.surfacedesign.org

The American Ceramics Society

Promoting the development and use of ceramics through forums for knowledge exchange.

Membership benefits include a monthly magazine *Ceramic Bulletin*, access to an online resource guide, correspondence courses, member discounts, and insurance programs. Regular membership is \$100 per year.

American Ceramics Society P.O. Box 6136 Westerville, OH 43086-6136 Telephone (614) 890-4700 Fax (614) 899-6109 http://www.acers.org

The Enamelist Society

Founded in 1987 for the purpose of promoting the art of enameling.

Membership benefits include discounts on conferences and other events, newsletter, and inclusion in a membership directory. Basic membership is \$25 per year.

The Enamelist Society 6105 Bay Hill Circle Jamesville, NY 13078 http://www.enamelistsociety.org

The Furniture Society

Founded in 1996 to advance the art of furniture making, by inspiring creativity, promoting excellence, and fostering an understanding of the art form and its place in society.

Membership benefits include three newsletters per year, an annual resource directory, and a discount on the annual conference. Individual membership is \$35 per year.

The Furniture Society
Box 18
Free Union, VA 22940
Telephone (434) 973-1488
Fax (434) 973-0336
http://furnituresociety.org

The Society of Decorative Painters

Organized in 1972 to stimulate worldwide interest in and appreciation for decorative painting; to recognize the diversity of and excellence in the art form; and to serve as the resource center for all aspects of decorative painting.

Membership benefits include a bimonthly magazine *The Decorative Painter*, access to resource directories, annual convention, business newsletter, and health insurance program. Business membership is \$65 per year.

The Society of Decorative Painters 393 N. McLean Blvd. Wichita, KS 67209
Telephone (316) 269-9300
Fax (316) 269-9191
http://
www.decorativepainters.org